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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action, mailed February 28, 2002 ("Official Action"). This Response is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory period, which expires on May 28, 2002, therefore no extension of time is necessary. However, the Assistant